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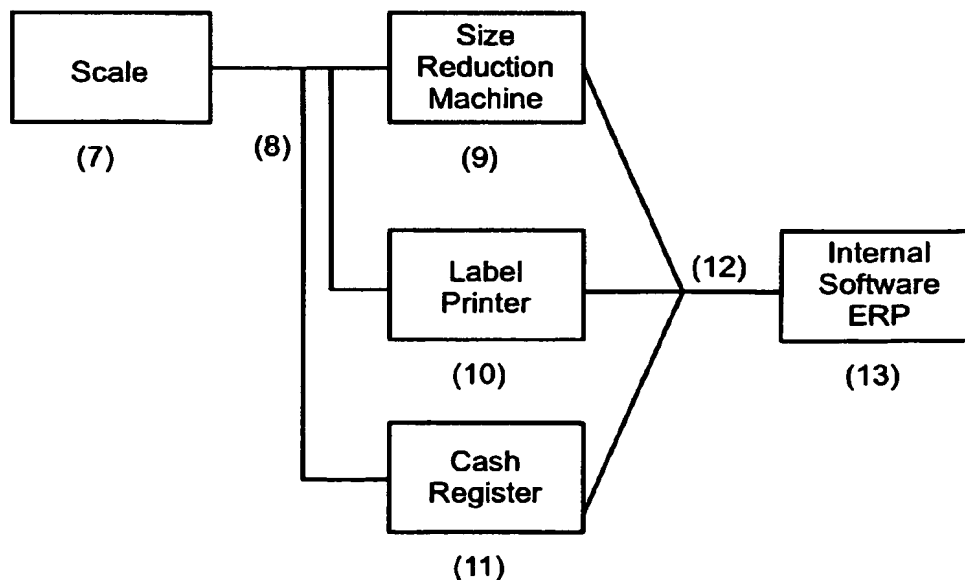
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(54) Title: PERSONAL NUTRITION CONTROL DEVICES



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides portioning and weighing devices, as well as other compositions, that make it much easier for individuals to monitor and control their caloric intake.



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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fees.
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### BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-25, drawn to a device for portioning food.

Group II, claim(s) 26-32, drawn to a register that provides price and caloric content of food.

Group III, claim(s) 33-47, drawn to a display that provides the approx number of calories for a food product.

Group IV, claim(s) 48-55, drawn to a method of reporting nutritional content.

Group V, claim(s) 56-64, drawn to a food product and its packing.

The inventions listed as Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The invention of Group I is drawn to a device which portions food based upon caloric intake this function is not present in any of the other groups. The invention of group II is a register, which displays the price of food and its associated caloric value. This feature is not required or incorporated into the other groups. The invention of Group III is a display for indicating how many calories a serving of food and a complete amount of the food contain, this feature is not present in the other inventions. The invention of Group IV is a method for reporting the nutritional content of food; the particulars of the method are not required by any of the other inventions. The invention of Group V is a food product and label. Although usable with the other inventions, the particulars of the invention are not required for proper operation of the other inventions.

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